

## **Minutes of the Combined Health and Human Services Committee/Board Meeting**

**Thursday, December 16, 2004**

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Joe Griffin, Andy Kallin, Jim Jeskewitz, Bill Kramer, Sandy Wolff. **Absent:** Duane Stamsta, Hank Carlson.

**Board Members Present:** Citizen Members Dennis Farrell (Chair), Dick Wutt, Dr. John Guy, JoAnn Weidmann, Mike O'Brien and Supervisors Duane Paulson, Vera Stroud, Joe Griffin, Duane Stamsta, Mareth Kipp.

**Also Present:** Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legislative Policy Advisor Mark Mader, Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Don Maurer, Child and Family Services Division Manager Jesús Mireles, Administrative Services Division Manager Russell Kutz, Senior Services Director Cathy Bellovary, Nutrition Services Supervisor in Senior Services Mary Smith.

Vice-Chair Joe Griffin called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

### **COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **Approve Minutes of December 2, 2004**

Andy Kallin pointed out one correction to the December 2, 2004 minutes of the Health and Human Services Committee. In the last paragraph on page 1, 4<sup>th</sup> line down, the sentence should read "Two top psychiatrists" and not "Two top psychologists".

**MOTION:** Jeskewitz moved, seconded by Kramer to approve the minutes of December 2, 2004 with the change noted. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Executive Committee Report of 12-4-04**

Esler reported that the majority of the meeting was spent discussing Ordinance 159-O-083 which is "Authorize Member Services Agreement with the Wisconsin Local Government Telecommunications Coalition". After much discussion the Executive Committee voted to defeat the Ordinance 0-6, but according to Esler this may come back for consideration in 2005.

### **BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **Approve Minutes of October 28, 2004**

**MOTION:** Wutt moved, seconded by Guy to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2004 meeting. Motion carried 10-0.

#### **Announcements**

Wutt announced that NAMI had their Christmas party and had about 200 guests. He also attended the Clubhouse Christmas party. He stated that the Clubhouse was a nice area and he suggested to Linda Cole that the Board tour the facilities during one of their upcoming meetings. Weidmann announced that the Council on Public Health has met twice. There was a subcommittee that was looking at State Public Health Plan Oversight Workgroup. They were setting up what standards they were going to evaluate. The Council is going to make that a

subcommittee of the Public Health Council. They are also setting up a Bioterrorism Subcommittee. They are moving along – they took a look at the vaccination shortage and what the Council can do about it and making a recommendation to the Governor that he take this up with the CDC.

Wutt announced that the Smoke Free Coalition meets the first Tuesday of each month. Vera Stroud wrote a letter to the Governor regarding raising taxes on cigarettes and she received a letter back stating that he did not want to raise any taxes at this time.

Stamsta, Farrell and Schuler will meet after the first of the year to set the dates for future board meetings and the Public Hearing.

### **Advisory Committee Reports**

Farrell reported that both the DDAC and CAFSAC are starting on their goals and objectives for the 2006 budget. The DDAC recently had a presentation from a group called CAPOW (Community Alliance of Providers of Wisconsin).

### **Future Agenda Items**

Weidmann would like to go forward with exploring the authority of the Board of Health – our role in Public Health. We will have to determine who from the Corporation Counsel office will assist us in defining our role legally. Weidmann and Schuler will discuss this at a later date.

Sandy Wolff arrived at 1:18 p.m.

Also for future agenda items – a tour of the Clubhouse and a report from Environmental Health.

### **COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **Ordinance 150-O-100: Department of Senior Services to Accept Grant from Oconomowoc Area Foundation**

A copy of the Ordinance was provided to all attendees. As a result of the success of the program in Menomonee Falls, the Oconomowoc Area Foundation will award \$4,775 to be used for an exercise and nutrition education program based at the Oconomowoc Senior Dining Center. All participants will be screened before and after the program and the results are being sent to Florida University for tabulation. They have had many positive testimonials as a result of the Menomonee Falls program and will be looking for funding for the remaining sites. Kallin asked what costs were associated with the program and was informed that the \$4,775 will be used for pedometers, staff time for training and incentives.

**MOTION:** Kallin moved, seconded by Wolff to approve ordinance 159-O-100. Motion carried 6-0.

### **JOINT COMMITTEE/BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **Mental Health Center Year End Fiscal Update**

This was previously presented to the Health & Human Services Committee at their December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and to the Finance Committee.

Mareth Kipp arrived at 1:30 p.m.

Kutz passed out a copy of the Waukesha County Appropriation Transfer Request. This form provided a summary of dollar amounts. The Personnel Fund transfer request was \$100,000 to cover the costs of a psychiatrist on medical leave and payout for retirement and earned vacation and the costs of nursing coverage for medical leaves. There was also an Operating Fund Transfer Request in the amount of \$40,000 to cover the cost of third party contracted nursing staff. This amount was offset by \$25,000 of medication costs that were under budget. Schuler stated that it is very difficult to find on-call nurses and when we don't have that pool available, then we have to use contracted staff. This is not something that is predictable. He did say, however, that in the future because of the age of the number of higher end staff, we will still have problems with these payoffs. The solution is not to cut back on staff in order to afford these payouts, but that there is some savings when replacement staff is starting at a lower rate of pay.

Wutt discussed the Joint Conference Committee meeting held on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Mental Health Center. They discussed meeting all state recommendations and what corrections needed to be made to meet state standards. They also discussed the number of clients at the Mental Health Center, when they feel clients are ready to be released, how much time is spent by the psychiatrist, and discussed improvements to the Mental Health Center. He also reported that the damage done by the car crash has been repaired.

#### **Update on WCHSA Conference of December 2, 2004**

Maurer gave a brief update on WCHSA (Wisconsin County Human Services Association). This is the organization that takes on the issue of human services. Kitty Kokol was present to talk about communication strategies. PEP contains about 100 action steps and tasks that counties and state must work together to complete in the next two years. People on the task force group agreed that counties cannot do this without adding resources or reducing other responsibilities. While there are some new income augmentation dollars, those dollars are only three-year dollars. The reality is that we are seeing the burden of adding performance expectations with no long-term additional monies. This will be an ongoing issue, and one deserving of increased activity.

There was also discussion about methods of communication with counties. By the time we see and can comment on proposed memo series, we only have 30 days to comment. The State says that have county representation on their workgroups, but counties would like to see the draft from the workgroups. They are attempting to enact an electronic bulletin board letting counties know the committees met and that the drafts are out there. However, at the same time, we know that numerous state positions have been cut, resulting in last minute notification without giving counties enough time to respond.

Craig Thompson, Legislative Director for the Wisconsin Counties Association gave a presentation on TABOR. It would require certain standards for counties and municipalities. Those opposed to TABOR don't have enough information out there to educate the public and advertise that end of the scope. They were suggesting that the WCA may be tweaking their approach and instead of focusing on fighting the idea of a tax freeze, shift to a three-pronged approach. One prong would be joining the fight for a constitutional amendment, but focusing on a constitutional requirement for the state to pay for any mandated services.

Mader arrived at 1:50 p.m.

Esler left at 2:00 p.m.

Don continued with the report of the WCHSA conference by stating that Chuck Wilhelm, Director, DHFS, Bureau of Long Term Support, gave a presentation on ICFMR (Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded) and how it would impact counties. Two days after the conference, our Long Term Care Division Manager received information that there is no reimbursement for these new assessments, so this new mandate will cost Waukesha County at least \$25,000. There also was a presentation on the future of county homes and the role they play in long term care and long term care reform.

### **2005 Budget Reaction of Contract Agencies**

There have not been any serious repercussions because of the budget cutbacks. Several agencies stated they were expecting it and others stated that they are looking for additional funding. There were several that stated they would have to reduce the number of people served, and this will adversely affect our service continuum.

### **National Children's Study**

This topic was discussed at the December 2, 2004 Health & Human Services Committee meeting. At that time the Committee was informed that Waukesha County was chosen as a vanguard (pilot) location for the National Children's Study. There is a total of 96 locations, 8 of which have been identified as Vanguard locations – the first to implement the study. This study is the largest long-term study ever to be conducted in the United States and will track 100,000 children from in utero until 21 years of age. They are guaranteeing they will end up with a mix replicating the United States population. A teleconference was held yesterday at the Public Health Department. The teleconference was attended by members of Health & Human Services staff, Health & Human Service Committee, and representatives from the Medical College of Wisconsin. County Board Supervisor Andy Kallin stated he read the entire report prior to the committee meeting and because of some strong concerns attended the teleconference yesterday. Funding for the first year will only cover a small number of the Vanguard sites. His biggest concern is what our responsibility will be in 15 years down the road. Do we have the ability to opt out of this program if the funding ends? In 2006 the Vanguard counties will be funded at about 70 million dollars to pay for federal staff, medical personnel etc. For three to five sites for just the first year is 12 million. The answer is that there is no mandated participation, and we can establish rates of reimbursement should we be asked for our services beyond those currently provided. A large corporate entity in Illinois is interested in putting in the bid for the entire 96 locations. This outside source will bill the federal government. Since there will be some county staff performing duties for this study, we will be able to get reimbursement for their time. Whoever gets the bid will negotiate with us for whatever services they need from our staff and bill the federal government on our behalf and then reimburse us. The Medical College of Wisconsin is very interested in applying for the RFP which is due sometime in February. They will more than likely get funding from Blue Cross/Blue Shield for research.

Mareth Kipp left at 3:00 p.m.

JoAnn Weidmann feels that community agencies, i.e. Healthy Families should be involved in this study as well. At the teleconference, a decision was made to establish criteria which we would expect to be met by any selected group asking for our support. Kallin and Sandy Wolff, who also attended the teleconference, stated they would like to participate in this meeting. Dr. Guy and JoAnn Weidmann will also attend the meeting. The research organizations are looking for county involvement and support. The Medical College of Wisconsin is looking for an

endorsement of their RFP. We are assuming that chosen vendor will work with the county and be involved in follow-up. The purpose of today's discussion is to get the Board up to speed on this discussion and to accomplish a group to discuss criteria. This department has received several calls from applicant agencies and we will tell them that we are planning on meeting and afterwards we will have more knowledge of what our expectations are.

## **BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Appointment and Reappointment to the Medical Psychological Staff**

Wutt went over the list of reappointments recommended for two year terms expiring 12/31/06 and the one year initial appointments expiring 12/31/05. The Joint Conference Committee has already approved the above as their credentials were all approved.

**MOTION:** Weidmann made a motion seconded by Guy to approve the appointment and reappointment of medical psychological staff. The motion carried 9-0.

### **Adding Members to the Joint Conference Committee**

Weidmann is looking to be relieved of her membership on this committee. Wutt explained that the committee provides oversight of the Mental Health Center. The committee meets four times a year on the first Monday for about 1 ½ hours. They also have a certain amount of work with the facility with regard to safety features, condition, future capacities of the center, remodeling, etc. Mareth Kipp and Mike O'Brien have expressed an interest in serving on this committee. Upon Duane Stamsta's return this will be discussed with him and an appointment will be made at the joint meeting on January 27, 2005.

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Bill Kramer made a motion seconded by Andy Kallin to adjourn the meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Vera Stroud made a motion seconded by Richard Wutt to adjourn the meeting of the Health and Human Services Board. Motion carried.

Recorded by Kathy Leach

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew J. Kallin  
Secretary